

SATURDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

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Interpreting and Interrupting White Privilege	Rev. Robin Hynicka	One 2-hr	Begin, restart or continue your journey toward practicing racial justice from the perspective of defining, understanding, and interrupting white privilege in yourself, in your current context and in social systems. Hear personal testimony from folks currently committed to addressing white privilege and gain insight and support for your own journey.	Reverend Robin Hynicka, Pastor of the Arch Street United Methodist Church, embraces an inclusive society that embodies gender, economic and racial justice. He promotes the restructuring of economies that perpetuate poverty and the dismantling of racism by addressing white privilege, his own and that embedded in all sectors of society.
Keeping Compassionate Pastors Thriving in Ministry (Limited to clergy)	Rev. Dr. Benjamin D. Motz, LMFT	One 2-hr	All compassionate caregivers (and only compassionate caregivers) experience a phenomenon known as "compassion fatigue." If untreated or treated as burnout, the symptoms and frustrations can increase, culminating in leaving caregiving professions. Find out how to keep hope and joy thriving in pastoral ministry for yourself and your friends and colleagues.	The Rev. Dr. Motz, Pastor of St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia, is an ordained UCC minister, a trained interim pastor, and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. He has offered compassion fatigue workshops for: interim pastor training; continuing education course at The Reading Hospital; and UCC and ecumenical clergy ministeriums.
How do people come to the faith?	Ms. Betsy Majewski, Commissioned Minister and Rev. Ann Bolek	S1, S2	How do people come to the faith? Are we chosen or do we choose? Is it something in between? Something totally different? Using stories of those who have come to the faith (including those of the participants) we will explore possible answers to these questions, and what those answers might mean for the Church.	Ms. Betsy Majewski is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education and Youth Ministry currently serving as Minister of Christian Education at Good Shepherd UCC Tuckerton. She is a 2012 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary (MAR). Rev. Ann Bolek is a UCC ordained minister currently serving as Visitation Minister at St. John's (Hain's) UCC. She is a 2013 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary (MDiv).
Spiritual Growth Through Small Groups	Mr. Nathanael Vissia	S1, S2	Providing small group opportunities for adults in your church will have multi-generational appeal, will strengthen your congregation's sense of community, and nurtures spiritual growth. Join Nathanael Vissia as he discusses the value of small groups, shares resources, and models a small group experience during the workshop.	Nathanael serves at The United Church of Christ at Valley Forge. 10 of his 18 years of teaching have been in UCC churches. He founded rfour.org (a website for Christian educators that offers 200+ lesson plans), co-authored Chaos and the Kingdom, and presented at General Synod 2015 (workshop).
For Everything There Is A Season - Completing a Congregation's Ministry	Rev. Dr. Robert G. Aregood	S1, S2	This workshop will investigate the many steps to consider when completing the church's ministry. Included will be: A Theology, dealing with people's feelings in a positive way, communication within the congregation and with the Association and Conference; selling and gifting the resources. Time for dealing with group input and questions. Printed information will be available.	The center of Rev. Dr. Aregood's ministry was as pastor of Zion's United Church of Christ. In addition he served as interim pastor of 3 churches and interim administrator for 3 non-profit organizations. He has served on committees at all levels of the church and in many community agencies.

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Get Thee to Ninevah: Growing the Church in ANY Soil.	Rev. Cean James	S1, S2	Jonah did not want to go to Ninevah because the work would not be easy. Using the valuable lessons that God presented to Jonah, this workshop will help individuals who are ministering in many different difficult situations to find the biblical resources needed to grow the church physically, spiritually, and financially.	Cean James is the organizing pastor of Grace Christian Fellowship, UCC. Planted in one of the most financially disadvantaged communities in America, GCF has grown to a congregation of 500 members worshipping in two locations. Pastor James believes that the biblical principles of evangelism and discipleship are timeless and can be recreated in any community.
Organizing for Ministry: Church Councils (or Consistories) that Work	Rev. Dr. Hilary Barrett	S1, S2	Governing a nonprofit organization is not easy. Models of governance vary from congregation to congregation and are significantly influenced by culture. This workshop will explore how – in effective congregations -- clergy and lay leadership work together to organize for mission and growth.	Hilary Barrett is the Senior Pastor of Pleasantville United Church of Christ in Chalfont, PA. In 2010 the congregation completed a \$4 million building project – bringing to fruition the hopes, dreams, and good governance practices of many leaders over the years. Hilary has a particular interest in congregational narrative and how good leaders are alert to narrative so as to organize for success.
So You're Thinking About Becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation	Rev. Beth Lyon	S2 only	The workshop will discuss the ONA process provide ideas and resources that can be tailored to the particular concerns of your congregation and help you determine an appropriate pace for change in your congregational culture.	Rev. Lyon has served churches in small town, rural and suburban settings. She has been pastor of Glenside UCC since 2000. They became an officially open and affirming church in 2009.
Developing A Safe Church Policy: Nuts And Bolts	Mr. John Ries	S2 only	In this workshop, we will explore issues related to developing and reviewing policies churches are advised to have in place to help protect children and vulnerable adults. An update on the recent changes in Pennsylvania laws covering volunteers and employees will be included.	John, the former director of Bethany Counseling Ministry, is a licensed psychologist who is well known in the PSEC. With the help of several churches in the conference, he has continued the ministry of BCM providing counseling services on a sliding scale. Additionally, he has shared his knowledge on topics related to Boundary Training, Congregational Ethics and safe church policies. Being an “adopted” member of the conference, he has led worship in many churches over the years.
Spirituality and Social Action: Working Together Hand in Hand	Rev. Wanda D. Craner	S1, S2	Walter Wink, author and theologian, has said, “The greatest religious challenge of our age is to hold together social action and spiritual disciplines...we not only need to come together to march and to protest injustice, we also need to come together to worship and to pray...to be religious together.” We will explore practical ways of integrating prayer and spiritual disciplines with social action ministry.	Rev. Wanda D. Craner has been the Minister of Spiritual Nurture of the PSEC for 19 years. She also served as the PSEC Acting Conference Minister (Sept. 2013-August 2014) during a transition/healing time. She is a Gestalt Pastoral Care Minister and Spiritual Director; and on the teaching faculty of Gestalt Pastoral Care.

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<p>How Do We Go From Here To There? — 15 Building Blocks To An Effective Offering Campaign</p>	<p>Mr. Charles Eugene Musser, Sr., CFRE</p>	<p>S1, S2</p>	<p>Churches today are in great need of specific ways to grow their income to meet the increasing demands of ministry. This workshop challenges our paradigm of scarcity to focus on building up our offerings. Walk away with specific things that can be done immediately to generate additional revenue, as well as tools that can be utilized long range. Help your stewardship, finance, or other leadership committees focus on money opportunities available in your church.</p>	<p>Since 1991, Mr. Musser has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Kirby-Smith Associates, Inc., a Ministry of Church Finance and Stewardship, founded in 1938. He graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in his senior year of college. After 28 years of military service in the Air Force Reserve, he retired in May of 2007 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Musser was employed by the Junior Achievement organization for ten years where he served as Chief Executive Officer for three major metropolitan areas in Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ohio. Throughout his career, Mr. Musser has worked with senior level boards and has been instrumental in the recruiting, training, and coaching of executive staff and volunteers. Mr. Musser is a certified coach through the International Coaching Foundation. His ten years of experience within a non-profit organization eventually led to a personal calling to dedicate his expertise exclusively to the Christian community.</p>
<p>Developing a High Quality Emergency Operations Plan for Your Church</p>	<p>Rev. Karl Jones</p>	<p>S1 only</p>	<p>The workshop will provide an opportunity to review current guidance and best practices on creating emergency operations plans for churches. Resources will be given that describe potential roles and actions to take in an emergency, including an active shooter incident. Discussion will be focused on planning, information sharing, and law enforcement and first-responder coordination.</p>	<p>Karl Jones is a United Church of Christ pastor and a disaster response coordinator, serving Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. He holds numerous certifications from FEMA, PEMA, and the PA DOH. He is a members of the PA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Executive Committee and the Preparedness Committee of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. He and his wife, Cathy, are long-term disaster response volunteers for the UCC's Global Ministries.</p>

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Providing Care to Veterans in the Local Congregation	Rev. Brynn White	S1 only	With more and more of our nation's veterans returning home from deployment, many are seeking sanctuary in the local church. Often, ministers and congregations find themselves unsure of how best to provide care to this special population. Veterans require a specific focus of care given their experiences in military service, and this workshop will cover topics such as: 1)moral/spiritual injury; 2) suicide rates among veterans; 3) challenges specific to veteran culture; and 4) "dos and don'ts" of providing care to veterans.	Brynn White is a Department of Veterans Affairs board certified chaplain currently serving at the Coatesville VA Medical Center. She works primarily with veterans who are chronically homeless, struggle with substance use disorders, have experienced military sexual trauma (MST), have been diagnosed with a mental illness, and who are struggling to reintegrate back into civilian society after one's military service has been completed. She is a native South Carolinian, and completed her MDIV from Vanderbilt Divinity School in 2011. She was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 2012. In her spare time, she can be found somewhere in nature, retreating to find "the peace of wild things."
Herding Cats: Pastoral Leadership in the 21st Century	Rev. Dr. Stephen Ohnsman	S1, S2	Recent data confirms what we already know - the church is changing, American culture is changing, and pastoral leadership must change as well. Using theories of leadership, recent findings from the Pew Foundation, and phenomena like the Emerging Church Movement, this workshop will consider how leaders in the Church will need to find new models that will enable them to lead congregations in a changing world.	Steve was ordained as a United Methodist in 1985 and received privilege of call in the United Church of Christ in 1999, serving as the pastor of Calvary United Church of Christ in Reading, PA, since July of that year. Steve has a M.Div. from Drew Theological Seminary, and D.Min. in Christian Ethics from United Theological Seminary (Dayton, OH), and recently graduated from Alvernia University (Reading, PA) with a Ph.D. in Community Leadership.
Jesus and Jihad: What every Christian should know about the Quran	Mr. Randy Hove	S1, S2	What do you know about the Quran? In this workshop you will learn the basics of Islam, including how Mohammed came to found his religion, what the Quran says about God, and what Muslims believe about Jesus and the prophets. Learn what the Quran and the Sunnah have to say about jihad and the relationship between Muslims and unbelievers.	Randy Hove has been a member of The United Church of Christ at valley Forge for over 35 years. He has held a number of positions, including Council President and Stewardship Chair. He is currently the church treasurer. He has read and studied the entire Quran for a number of years, and has researched the Sunnah in depth. He last presented a six week course on this topic for members of his church in the fall of 2015.
Strengthen Your Pastoral Leadership	Rev. Bonnie Moore, Rev. Deb Winters, and Rev. Sharon Morris	S1, S2	This workshop will introduce you to a Community of Practice—groups of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.	Revs. Moore, Winters and Morris are all trained to be facilitators for Communities of Practice. They are presently participating in 6 groups within the PSEC.

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